

higher leadership posts until becoming assembly speaker in 1992. Speaker Haytaian has retired from the legislature but will continue as chairman of the New Jersey Republican State Committee, a role he took on in 1995 at the request of Gov. Christine Todd Whitman.

Prior to his 4-year term as speaker, Speaker Haytaian served as both minority leader and majority leader in the assembly. He began his political career as a member of the Warren County Board of Freeholders from 1976 to 1981, serving as Freeholder director in 1977 and 1980. He became chairman of the Warren County Republican Committee in 1990, served as a member of the reapportionment committee and was a delegate to the 1988 Republican National Convention. He was one of New Jersey's representatives to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Speaker Haytaian, of American heritage, is a national leader in Armenian-American affairs, participating in a number of Armenian cultural events each year, serving as a trustee of the Hovnanian Armenian School and as a director of the Armenian assembly. He is a trustee of Centenary College, a member of the honorary board of directors of Warren County Community College and a former chairman of the Warren County Cancer Society and the United Way campaign for Warren County.

A 1961 graduate of the University of Alabama, the New York City native is marketing director for Superior Graphics Inc. A wonderfully devoted family man, he is married to the former Joan Mardenly. The couple have two sons, David and Darrell, a daughter, Debra Haytaian Snyder, and a granddaughter, Nicole Corrine Snyder.

TRIBUTE TO GWYN GANDY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House today to extol the many milestones of Gwyn Gandy. Gwyn is the chief executive officer and president of G&G Insurance Brokerage Co., Inc., a full-service firm specializing in all forms of insurance. Gwyn is a 12-year veteran of the insurance industry and has the distinction of being the only African American female from New York to participate in the Democratic National Convention [DNC] which awarded a contract that provided for special events coverage as part of the DNC.

Gwyn's parents left the rural south and traveled to Brooklyn where she was raised as the oldest of six children. Financial necessity prompted Gwyn's entrepreneurial talents to shine through, as she became a very competent door-to-door saleswoman. She graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School at the age of 17. A marriage which ended in divorce produced three children, Kenneth, Sheree, and Kevin, each of whom has distinguished themselves academically and professionally.

Ms. Gandy is a graduate of Hunter College and the Fashion Institute of Technology. She is a staunch environmentalist and community activist. Gwyn serves as a member of the Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA Board of Managers, and has served on the trustee board of the First A.M.E. Zion Church in Brooklyn. I am

delighted to share her vast contributions to the community and America with my House colleagues.

TRIBUTE TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF COACHELLA VALLEY, CA

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, at a time in America, when many areas are experiencing an increase in juvenile crime, a society that is more violent than ever, when there is virtually no training for youngsters to prepare them for a productive adult life and the number of needy families and children is on the increase, there exists an organization in California that is doing their part to fight all of these social problems. It is the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley.

On a recent visit to California, I had the opportunity to see firsthand the work that is being carried on by this fine organization. In addition to offering a full schedule of activities for children on a daily basis that includes athletics, homework assistance, fine arts, health education, community service, cooking instruction, and computer classes, I also witnessed the following very meaningful programs: A nutrition program where meals with substance are served on a daily basis to the children. The club also identifies needy families in the community through the churches and other social service organizations and distributes nourishing food to them. The club's nutrition program is operated in conjunction with a local food bank called FIND, Food In Need of Distribution. FIND serves 7,200 needy families weekly and distributes 3,200,000 pounds of food annually.

I also witnessed another program operated by the Boys and Girls Club called Building Horizons. How appropriate a name, as this program teaches high school students from five different high schools the skills necessary to pursue a career in the construction industry upon graduation. On-the-job training is created for the students by constructing two homes each school year. Through a partnership with a local city the homes are sold to low- and moderate-income families. This program is also run in cooperation with the local school districts and the building industry. So you can see where the Building Horizons program serves two purposes, one, to provide career opportunities for aspiring students in the construction field and much needed affordable housing in the Coachella Valley.

Finally, their criminal justice program accepts youngsters who are referred from the local police department who commit minor infractions. Successful solutions to the child's problem are found and the child is encouraged to get involved in Boys and Girls Club programs and with their professional staff, who are wonderful role models. Their counselor also works with young people who are trying to separate themselves from gang involvement.

The Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley does an incredible job with the children. As you can see, one of the things that they do extremely well is partnership with other agencies and organizations both private and public.

I congratulate my good friend Leo Wyler, who is one of the leaders in the Coachella Valley, for dealing with these problems as well as all of the other people in that area who are working so hard to make their young people successful, productive adults.

The future of America, in my view, depends on programs like these and the involvement of leaders in the community in making sure that we have productive alternatives for our young people. If we don't emulate programs like these, then the future of America as respects drugs, crimes, et cetera, will not be very bright.

Again, Mr. Speaker, my congratulations go out to all of those who support these programs, including my former colleagues Al McCandless and my good friend Leo Wyler.

\$100 WILL BUY \$1,615.00 WORTH OF FOOD

Hunger cannot be adequately described by numbers. But "numbers" tell the story of FIND's 1994 services to the needy families of eastern Riverside County:

Families served weekly	17,200
Volunteers	465
Annual volunteer hours	85,000
Value of volunteer hours at minimum wage	\$404,009
Pounds of food distributed annually	3,200,000
Annual operating costs (1994)	325,000

¹75 percent of the families served by FIND have monthly incomes of less than \$800.

If purchased at store, you would have spent \$5,250,000.

And we spent \$325,000. This is accomplished through the energy and time of our volunteers.

[From the Desert Sun, Nov. 27, 1995]

LEAVING THE GANG BEHIND

(By Lauralee Ortiz)

Armando is thinking like a typical teenager.

He plans to graduate next year and make some serious career plans.

The 16-year-old wants to join the U.S. Marines to become a tank specialist or a military police officer.

Every time Armando steps outside, he risks being shot at or beaten up by a gang member.

The Indio High School junior has been jumped twice already—once for wandering into rival territory; the second time, he said, the gangbangers thought he was somebody else.

These days, the youth is among more than a dozen with similar tales who are making an effort to separate from a life they describe as dangerous and frightening.

But, as one former gang member named Joe said, "It's a lot easier to get in than it is to get out. You can't just walk away."

If you do, he said, the people you thought were friends become enemies.

Joe tried to change his look with long hair and a beard in hope that he wouldn't be recognized by former rivals.

Armando said he is not and never has been a gang member.

Admittedly, he's surrounded by gangs, he knows gang members and, yes, he's been hanging with them since he was 12 years old.

Guilt by association?

Last year, he was expelled from a neighboring city school for his role in beating up a student trying to dissociate himself from the group.

In his defense, Armando said he was a bystander in the incident.

He said he transferred to the school earlier in the year to get away from problems at Indio High School.

Each Monday afternoon, Armando, Joe and other teens meet at the Boys & Girls Club of Indio to talk about the trials of gang involvement. They agreed to share their stories on the condition that no real names be used. They're afraid of reprisals.

During a typical meeting, they stroll in, shake hands with everyone in the room and plop down for an hour of honesty.

As threatening as their looks appear—some with freshly shaved heads donned what they described as the gang uniform, white T-shirts, dark work pants and Nikes—their words reveal the opposite.

These boys are scared.

"I look around the room and wonder how many of us are going to wind up dead, how many will be in prison," said Raymond, a 16-year-old fresh from Indio Juvenile Hall.

"Personally, it scares me," said Armando, who added that he now spends all his free time at the club on Date Avenue. "These guys are tough. And they think by shooting someone, it makes them the toughest."

What are they killing and dying for?

"Race, property, land, streets, neighborhoods, girlfriends," Armando said.

"Every day's a risk," said Joe, a 16-year-old Indio boy who has been in Juvenile Hall three times. "You could be driving to pick up a girl, and somebody shoots at you."

Or, he said, you might get it just for looking at somebody wrong.

A self-described "mean guy" before being exposed to the Boys & Girls Club, Joe gave animated descriptions of why he participated in gang activity.

Once, he said, he got into a battle with a white man who, he claimed, was "looking kind of crazy at me."

Another time, Joe said, he beat up an elderly white man who was coughing near the pay phone he was using. He said his friend "decked" the man's wife.

Joe said he felt bad about the second incident when he learned the man had cancer.

Exaggerated, perhaps, said program counselor Ron Houston. But, by the same token, such testimonials are evidence that everyone—regardless of race or gender—is at risk of gang violence.

"You never know exactly what motivates or drives them," said Houston, who was an Indio police officer for 17 years. "A lot of it is peer pressure. They commit these violent acts to be accepted."

Frightening for society, the number of gangs continue to grow, he said. During his early years on the police force, there were a few gangs in town.

"Now every section of town has its own," Houston said. Even worse, the members are being recruited at 11 and 12 years old.

"They're the scariest," he said. "They don't have any remorse. They'll do anything to impress the older members."

Houston and Program Director Tony Williams have become father figures to the teens, many of whom never had one. Houston said the body language of the teens—the light punches, arms around him, the kidding—lets him know a connection has been made.

"We take this seriously," said Williams, 29, who worked more than two years with some of the teens during their time at Juvenile Hall. "We are genuinely concerned about kids. We want them to know that once they walk in that door, there's somebody here who cares about them."

NORTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR, FELIX GUADARRAMA, HONORED

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Officer Felix Guadarrama has been selected by a committee of his peers to be the North Miami Police Department's Officer of the Year, 1995. I am certain you will agree with me that Officer Guadarrama is a fitting choice. His actions on the force since 1990 have distinguished him as an officer of valor.

During 1995, Officer Guadarrama received numerous commendations from his supervisors, the community, and other police agencies. Many noted his compassion, expertise, and judgment in handling chaotic situations. His superiors credit Guadarrama with saving the life of the victim of a violent attack.

In addition to his daily activities, Officer Guadarrama serves on the North Miami Police Honor Guard and is assigned to the motorcycle unit. He actively raises money for the Police Officers' Assistance Trust Fund and has represented the department in motorcycle escorts at local prestigious events like the recent Summit of the Americas.

Thank you, Officer Guadarrama for your bravery and diligence in the line of duty. You are certainly a credit to our community.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTA MAULIFFE AND THE ENTIRE CREW OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE "CHALLENGER"

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the crew of the space shuttle *Challenger*, and to recognize in particular, Christa Corrigan McAuliffe, one of Framingham State College's most distinguished graduates.

Ten years ago, on January 28, 1986, the *Challenger* disaster occurred and changed millions of lives instantly. For the families and friends of the astronauts, it meant incomprehensible loss. For young school children throughout the world, a dashing of hopes. But hope springs eternal.

We are fortunate in this country that our citizens respond so well to adversity. This national tragedy of a decade ago also served to spark the imagination of educators and students to develop a fitting tribute to our Nation's first teacher-astronaut.

In October 1994, Framingham State College opened the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center and the Challenger Learning Center, two innovative educational facilities. Inspired by the memory of the *Challenger* crew, the learning centers serve as a continuation of part of the *Challenger* mission: to motivate students to pursue math, science, and technology studies by providing them with exciting educational programs which use space exploration as a theme, and to energize teachers by providing new and interesting training.

In addition, Framingham State College is commemorating the 10th anniversary of the *Challenger* mission by sponsoring a program entitled "Christa's Teachers," a teachers' honor roll which pays tribute to Christa McAuliffe, America's teacher in space, by recognizing the best teachers in America.

Christa Corrigan McAuliffe and the *Challenger* crew were true American heroes. They have left an indelible mark on the fabric of our society, particularly in education; and their enduring legacy is the network of Challenger Centers throughout our Nation which links our students and teachers and captures the imaginations of millions.

SAMHSA REGULATION

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, the Food and Drug Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [SAMHSA], both of which are located in the Department of Health and Human Services, have proposed tobacco regulations. FDA has just begun its regulatory process by issuing proposed regulations last August, while SAMHSA's final regulations are set to take effect this February. SAMHSA's regulations implement the so-called Synar amendment, which Congress passed with bipartisan support in 1992 to address the problem of underage tobacco use.

The SAMHSA regulations are superior to FDA's more extreme approach. The SAMHSA regulations implement a clear congressional mandate. They will do a better job in a shorter time, with much less Federal involvement and much greater respect for the proper role of the States in our constitutional system.

The Synar amendment conditions substance abuse grant assistance to the States on their taking steps to reduce youth access to tobacco and directs SAMHSA to issue implementing regulations. Today every State prohibits the sale of tobacco products to minors and imposes penalties for violations. In fact, as a result of the Synar amendment, since 1992 some 30 States have taken additional legislative steps to reduce youth access to tobacco.

While the SAMHSA regulations were still pending within HHS, FDA—an agency with no jurisdiction over tobacco and no authorization from Congress to act on youth tobacco issues—published its own extreme proposal to regulate tobacco products as medical devices. FDA is engaged in a blatant attempt to circumvent Congress and override the States. FDA's rules would nullify or supplant dozens of State youth access laws, in favor of an extremist, one-size-fits-all regulatory straight-jacket imposed by Washington bureaucrats. FDA's proposed rules are an end-run around Congress and the States.

Mr. Speaker, in contrast to FDA's extreme proposal, SAMHSA's approach allows flexible responses by the States to reduce underage smoking. FDA's proposed regulations should be withdrawn in favor of SAMHSA's final regulations, which directly implement Congress's will show proper respect for the constitutional authority of the States.